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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  HANS VAN DER LAAN, ET AL.  Serial No.: New Application  Filed: Herewith  For: METHOD TO DETERMINE THE VALUE OF PROCESS PARAMETERS BASED ON SCATTEROMETRY DATA	    Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Any fee not covered by a check accompanying this paper and necessary for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment response may be charged to Deposit Account Number 03-3975.

**Amendments to the Specification:** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks:** begin on page 11 of this paper.